Zonal Council Conference of four States and UTs

337. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with intelligence reports, indicating growing infiltration of extremist and terrorist agencies from the sea, Government had called the Zonal Council Conference of the four States and Union Territories in the month of February, 2007 to discuss the security measures;

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting held;

(c) whether Centre has allocated Rs. 550 crore for coastal security;

(d) whether the Centre was urged to set up a Central agency to deal with cross border terrorism; and

(e) whether Centre did not agree and urged States to formulate their strategies to combat the problem among themselves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) A Meeting of the Southern Zonal Council comprising of the four Southern States and Union Territories was held on 12th February, 2007. It was decided that the agenda for the meeting would be internal security, coastal security, mega city policing and communal harmony.

(b) The State Governments were urged to provide more funds for policing, fill up vacancies in police cadres and to strengthen the Special Branches for collecting intelligence to enable the State Governments to counter terrorist activities and maintain law and order.

(c) The Centre has allocated Rs. 400 crores for non-recurring expenditure and Rs. 151 crores for recurring expenditure for 5 years starting from 2005-06 for enhancing coastal security in all the coastal states and Union Teritorries.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Centre had stated that the Union and the States have to function in Unison and in coordination to maintain internal security.

Notices issued by DP to auto rickshaw drivers

338. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of notices issued by the police in Delhi to various auto rickshaw drivers violating the traffic norms;

(b) how many notices were delivered and how many were returned;

(c) the reason for the return of the notices; and

(d) whether there are cases of multiple offences against single drivers, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) Notices for traffic violation are issued under Section 133 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 to the registered owner of the Three Seater Rickshaws (TSRs). The details of the notices issued to auto rickshaw owners for traffic violation for the year 2005, 2006 and 2007 (upto 31st October) are given below:

Year	No. of notices issued.
2005	1,84,574
2006	1,64,260
2007 (upto 31.10.2007)	90,656

Notices are dispatched to all types of vehicles in lots according to serial numbers and no specific data on returned notices is maintained. The notices are issued to owner of the vehicle and the data relating to cases of multiple offences against a driver is not maintained.

Pending cases of samman pension to freedom fighters

339. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of freedom fighers for Samman pension, who fought for the liberation of Goa, pending before Government;

(b) the reasons for their non-disposal;

(c) the number of cases in which clarification was sought by Government;

(d) the number of cases in which age discrepancies were discovered;

(e) the number of cases in which applicants satisfied Government as regards age discrepancies; and

(f) by what date the pending cases are proposed to be decided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) Approximately 455 cases relating to grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension to freedom fighter for their participation in Goa Liberation Movement (Phase-II) are pending. The main reasons for pendency of these cases include non-submission of requisite documents/clarifications by the applicants as well as the concerned State Governments.

(d) and (e) The claims submitted by approximately 33 persons for grant of Samman pension for their participation in Goa Liberation Movement (Phase-II) were rejected on the ground of the claimants being less than 16 years of age as prescribed by the Government.

(f) Finalization of pending cases depends on receipt of requisite documents/clarifications from the claimants/State Governments concerned.

Loss due to excessive rains and floods

340. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss in terms of men and material including crops suffered by various States in the country this year, due to excessive rains and floods; and

(b) the extent to which Government provided funds and other assistance from the Disaster Management Fund for the relief and rehabilitation of those affected thereby, State wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the State Governments and Union Territories, based on their preliminary assessment, estimated loss due to heavy rains/ floods/flash floods/landslides during South-west monsoon 2007, State-wise, are given in Statement-I (*See* below)

A statement showing the allocation and release of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and funds released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during the year 2007-08 is given as Statement-II *(See* below)

Additional allocation of 2.00 lakh MT rice & 1.00 lakh MT wheat and 10,000 KL of Kerosene oil was made to Bihar, 10,333 MT rice & 600 MT wheat to West Bengal and 10,000 MT rice to Assam, as requested by them. Transportation of fodder by rail from Punjab to the affected districts in Bihar was organized at no cost to the State Government.